available to the Principal Private Secretary attached to the Secretaries.

Funds to D.T.C.

780. SHRI TARA CHAND KHANDELWAL:
DR. Y.S. RAJASEKHER REDDY:

Will the Minster of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have decided not to fund the DTC in future;

(b) whether the DTC has been asked to raise resources of its own to meet operational costs etc; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). DTC have been asked to take all such measures as are necessary to ensure that no operational losses are incurred by it.

Export of Textiles

781. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minster of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the earnings from the export of garments during each of the last three years;

(b) whether the Government have received any representations from the Apparel Export Promotion Council and exporters of garments expressing concern over the non-fulfilment of the garment export target fixed for 1991-92 due to difficulty in importing modernised knitting machines; and

(c) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) Exports of garments during 1989, 1990 and 1991 amounted to Rs. 3091 Cr., Rs. 4378 Cr. and Rs. 5358 Cr. respectively.

(b) and (c). The Apparel Export Promotion Council informed Government that, due to recessionary trends in major importing countries, there was a possibility of garment exports falling short of the target for 1991-92. Government also received a representation from the Council requesting for allowing more garment machinery items under concessional import duty scheme. As per the established procedure, this request was sent to the Finance Ministry with the recommendations from the Ministry of Textiles.

Increase in Exports

782. SHRI K. PRADHANI: Will the Minster of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether exports have been stepped up in the recent past and proposed to be further stepped up in the near future to earn more foreign exchange;

(b) if so, the countries where the export has been increased; and

(c) the items proposed to be exported to these countries alongwith their value in foreign exchange?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The principal countries in respect of which India's exports registered an increase during the first 8 months of the current financial year i.e., April-November 1991 as com-